

WILDFIRE NEWS UPDATE

Northern Utah Interagency Fire Center

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PELICAN POINT FIRE:

Location: South of Saratoga Springs, west of Highway 68 on Lake Mountain.

Size: ~2500 acres.

Cause: Under investigation.

Resources: Multiple agencies responded to the incident including State, County, City Fire Departments, Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Utah County Sheriff also assisted with traffic control in the area. There are 166 personnel battling the fire today including 5 handcrews, 3 helicopters and 11 engines.

Containment: 35% contained. Expected Containment, 08/27/2005 at 8 pm.

Additional Information:

- Highway 68 is closed for public safety until 9 pm this evening by the Utah County Sheriff. At the end of the fire operational shift fire officials will evaluate opening the road for weekend traffic.
- Aerial and ground resources made good progress on securing containment lines to the north by utilizing bucket and retardant drops thereby reducing the threat to residences, the Dyno Nobel explosive plant and communication towers.

GOVERNMENT CREEK FIRE: CONTAINED

Location: 8 miles south of Elberta, Utah County

Size: 1,547 acres

Cause: Lightning

Resources: A helicopter and two handcrews continued to work on the fire today to achieve full containment.

Containment: 100% on 08/25/2005.

Additional Information: Crews worked on strengthening containment lines and mopping up hotspots with the assistance of bucket drops from the helicopter.

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Please do your part-don't start wildfires!